

DISCUSSION OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 3-17, 24-25 and 30-57 are pending in the present application. Claims 2, 18-23 and 26-29 are canceled claims. Claims 1 and 30 are amended for matters of form.

Claims 1 and 30 now recite an R<sup>5</sup> group which includes a phosphitamidite group. Claims 12 and 3 have been amended to also recite a phosphitamidite group. Original Claims 12 and 39 included a typographical error on which this group was misspelled as phosphitamidite. Support for the amendment is found in paragraphs [0023], [0044], and [0135] of the PG publication corresponding with the present application, i.e., US 2004/0175741.

No new matter is added.

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner Lau for the helpful and courteous discussions of March 8 and 9, 2010. During the discussions Applicants' U.S. representative agreed that an Amendment to Claims 1 and 30 is an acceptable way for expediting prosecution in the present application. The amendment to the claims as shown herein is made without surrender of subject matter or disclaimer.

Claims 1 and 30 are amended to remove terms which are redundant in view of the dependent claims.

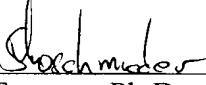
Applicants respectfully request the mailing of a Notice of Allowance.

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